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SUSPENSION PRESSURE CHAPTERS. Sugarey Hargeenest millionaire, after a. mirmentons escape from the denset the gang of fulltant thickes known as the Black Bunderd, ther the life of a rection for eighteen sours. Hargrence one atglit. enters a tirendon's restaurant and there comes have to three with the going's header, Braine.

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They see that the important them you think. Even become I see not the wrinkle I go: Good looking chap, thought

"I work you maid out one one general artificially which is writibiling on brain. Eve. eigered dended between his light made three moves and failed in each. What's

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The timinging editor come out of his office

Editoral page gone down?" Twents minutes upo," said the night city

"I seminate a chek on that Panama rempus."

· Where's Jim Narron's "At the chamber of a concerne hanguet. The

major is going to thro a bomb into the semental water of Nothing on the Haustenve stuff?"

No. Guess I'd being put that in the cublybole. Ele's draid."

No will found you? Not a piece na hig as a postage stamp." That will leave the girl in a tough place.

No will, no furth certificate; and worst of all, no photograph of the old man hitteelf. I don't see min Jim sudestepped this affair. He the only man in rown who knew anything about

He heart given it not but he wants to cover it on his ewn, titto the yarn over when be's got it, in Table attress."

Alif So that's the same?"

Yes, and Jim is the sort every paper needs. When the time comes the story turns on if there is one. Here he is now. Looks His an actor in the fourth act of a drama.

Norther came in through the outer gutes. He was in evening elettes, top list. A dead

" How much do you want?" asked the night elty editor-

"Culums and a balf"

"Of our play play there "O" "Anything good?" sked he manuging ed-

The lad bus, from summed on tight. No

IT IS I, JIM. DO NOT SPEAK OR MANE THE

wine in any restournst after I o'clock There'll to a remolup of every gumman in town."

trood world; Go to it." It was I wished when Norton turned in his last sheet of copy and started for home. Just outside the entrance to the bounding a man with a slouch but done it will over his eyes stepped forward. Mr. Norton?"

"Yes." Norton sneeped tases anspalansly. The other citteless, raised and lowered his but swiftly

" Good Lord!" marmined the reporter. "Will you take a risk with me in a mai?" 'All the way to Syracore, if you say say Well, I'll be tinker damned!"

"No names, please!" What took place in that taxical was never generally known. But ut 19 o'clock the next morning Norton surprised the elevator boy by going out. Norton proceeded downtown to the National bank, where he deposited \$5,000 in bills of large denominations. The teller had some difficulty in counting them. They stuck topother and retained the modden uppearance of money recently substorged in

Florence was delighted at the idea of a coaching party. Often during her school girl days she had seen the fashlonable conclies go careening along the road, with the sharp, clear note of the bugle rising above the thunder of hoofe and rattling of wheels, Jones was not enthusinetic; neither was he

"But you are to go along, too," said Pluretee

"T. Miss Phincipe?"

"The counters invited you especially. You will go with a lamper." " Als in my capacity as buffer, very good, Miss Florence? To her he gave no sign of

Die source sufficiention. The hour arrived, and the gay party howled away. They wound in and out of the streets feward the country to the crack of the whip and the blaze of the horn. Florence's enjoyment would have been perfeet And if not bern for the sheence of Norton. Why hadn't be been invited? She this not new homeocome did not care to disclose to the counters her interest in the reparter. They were mearing the limits of the

your Dark James was not invited: 'O, very well?" He laughed, and subleady grew note. our. It would not part to find our where thet conclusion going

He set to work savagely, boated the fromthe, righted it, and set off-for the Hargreave home. He board Successful bombarded no doubt. Where was all this board going her with questions which to Sarah came with the rapidity of rall upon the roll-

"So Jones went along?" "In his entwolly of parties only."

ker tond varorously.

Norten smiled "Ward, I'll take a jaunt out their myself. You are now I the lawattom?"

"Well, good by I'll as no a watter, since they wouldn't invite mee. I'm one of the test little waiters you over head of; and all things come to him who walte"

What a pleasant, smalle young man be wast toomeld Sman on the winteled idm jump into the car and go fixing up the street. Junea was a good deal surprised when

Norton formed up at the el? Chilton manor. "What made you come here thressed like this?" the butter d tanaded.



LEAST NOISE

"I m a suspicious duffer; maybe that's the

"Bo year know anything?"

Well, no. I can't say that I do. But, hang it, I just 'old in come out here." "Maybe it's just us well you did," said

Jones monthly. "I know this place. The housekeeper used to be my marse, and it she is still on the job she may be of service to us. You don't think they'll question of recognize me?"

Blardly. I'll put in a word for you. I'll any I sent for you, not knowing if we had enough sections to take vare of the

"And now I'll go and hunt up Meg." Sure enough, his old nurse was still in charge of the house, and when her "baby" disclosed his identity she all but fell upon

"But what are you doing here, dressed up as a waiter?"

"It's a little secret, Meg. I wasn't invited, and the truth is I'm very desperately in love with the young lady in whose bener this conching party is being given. And maybe she's in danger."

"Danger? What about?" "The Lord only knows. But show me

about the house. I've not been here in walong I've forgotten the run of it. I rememher one room with the secret panel and another with a painting that turned. Have they changed them?" "No; it is just the same here as it used

to be. Come along and I'll show you."

Norton Inspected the rooms carefully, stowing away in his mind every detail. He might be worrying about cothing; but so many strange flings had happened that it was better to be on the side of caution than on the side of carclessness. He left the house and ran across Jones carrying ... businet of wine.

"Here, Norten; take this to the party. I want to reconnoiter."

" All right, m'lud! Say, Jones, how much do you taink I'd earn at this job?" comically, "Get slong with you, Mr. Norton. It may be the time to laugh, and then it may

"I'm going back into the house and hide behind a secret panel. I've got my revolver. You go to the stables and take a try at my

sharp turn in avoid an nationable in trouble. In we to do some laking. Where is the The man purroruge at the engine raised like countees in that?"

head. It was Sorting and Physics maxed "Leave that to hea Mr. North," said the Juriez with his gain smile. "Be offerfley "A catching party," he narroured: "and are nowing tack feward the house."

So Norton enerted the backet around bother lown, where if was taken from his family by the regular servant. He sighed as he saw Hieroney, language and contring with a mark who was a attanger and whom he heard addirectly as a unit. Some friend of the countries, to end? He wished he knew. And what a yarn he was going to write some day! It would be read like one of Gaborico's tales. He turned away to sunder ally about the grounds, when beyond a clump of ecdars hasaw three or four men conversing lowly. He god and always are parenting, hop-sychus tenings og four men put their heads together and who per auditorially, it mountly means a policy game in something wiese. He intuite a phrase or two as it must down the wind, and then he knew that the vigor suspinion that find brought him my hope that he a set us motion by Bills. He neard "Florence" and "the old drawing round, and that was

He avaissed about for Joney. It was note Inch that he had had old Mog show I in through the house ofserwise he would have forgotten all about the seven cancel in the wall and the painting dones shrugged resignedly. Were these men or the counless'

parts?, Norton couldn't say: Norten made his hiding place in sulery; and by and by he could hear the guests move ing about in the soon. Then all sounds consol for a while. Norton strained his ear against the panel. A door closed sharply,

"Not here you must stay, young tada," said a man's voice. "What do you meen, sink" demanded the

Tailound voice: "It means that no one will return to this room and that you will not be nissed and

The sound of rolesy stopped alreaptly, and semething the scuffling ensued. Later Norion heard the back of a chair strike the panel and some one out heavily upon it. He waited perhaps five minutes; then be gently and back the genel. Placence art bound and gauged under his very eyes! It was but the

reach of a moment to liberate her: "It is I, Jim. Do not speak or make the

least noise. Pollow me." Greatly astonished. Florence obeyed: and the panel slipped back into place. The isombelind the secret punel had barred windows To Flanence it appeared to be a real prison,

"How did you get here?" she asked hreathleody. "Semething told me to follow you. And

something is always going to tall me to follow you. Plarence." She pressed his band. It was to ber as If one of those book heroes had stepped our

of a book; only book har es always had tremendous fortunes and did not have to work for a living. Oddly senough, she was not afraid. "Who was the man?" he usked.

"The Count Verfeldt. Some one has inposed upon the counters."

"Do you think so?" with a strange look

"Nothing just now. The idea is no getout of here just as quickly as we can. See this pointing?" He toucked a spot on toe wall and the painting slowly awang our like a door, "Come we make not excape to the side lawn from here."

At the stable they were confronted with the knowledge that Norton's car was out of remmission; Jones could no nothing with it. Their Norten suggested tent he make an effort to communideer the limousline of the countess, but there were men about, so the timcusine was our of the question.

"Horses!" whispend Jones, "There are several saddle horses, already saddled. How shout these people, the owners?"

"O, they are beyond repronch. They have doubtless been imposed upon. But let us get abourd first. There will be time to talk later. I'll have to do some explaining, taking these mags off like this. We won't have to ride out in front where the psenickers are. There's a lane back of the stable, and a slight detour brings us back but the main

The three mounted and clattered away. To Fiorence it had the air of a prank. She was beginning to have such confidence in these two inventive men that she felt us if she was never going to be afraid any more.

When the Countess Olga saw the three porses it was no effort not to by into a rage. But secretly she warned her people, who presently gave chase in the limousine, while she prattled and jested and langued with her company, who were quite unaware that a drawn was being enacted right under their very noses. The countess, while she noted superbly, tore her handlerchief into breds. There was something smoster in the way all their plans fell through at the very moment of consummation; and that night she determined to ask limine to withdraw from this warfare, which gradually decimated their numbers without getting them anywhere toward the goal.

Jones shouted that the liminushing was tearing down the read. Something must be done to stop it. He suggested that he drop behind, leave his horse, and take a chance at potting a tire from the shrubbery at the

rendside. "Keep going | Don't stop, Norton, till you are back in town. I'B manage to lake good ware of myself."

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